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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Jennifer H. Gay	Art Unit 3672

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jennifer H. Gay. (3) Joseph J Catanzaro.
 (2) Steve Hertzberg. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 13 March 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: Attachment A.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-30.

Identification of prior art discussed: Thompson (US 3,322,378).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Jennifer H. Gay
Primary Examiner

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

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Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant contacted the examiner regarding her opinion of the claim amendments presented in a purposed amendment (Attachment A). After a review of amended claims 1, 12, and 19 and Thompson, the examiner concluded that the changes did read over Thompson. With regards to new claims 28-30, after reviewing the claims with regards to Thompson, the examiner indicated that the claims read over Thompson. The examiner further indicatd that the changes made to the claims and the new claims were allowable over the prior art of record but that an updated search would be required. Applicant to file a formal response..

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SIRS:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Proposed amended Claims 1-29 for discussion with Examiner Jennifer Hawkins Gay.

1. (Currently Amended) A restraining arrangement for limiting the separation between a feed table having a pivot pin mounted thereto and a positioner block of a mobile track drill, the arrangement comprising:

a first constraint device secured to the positioner block; and

a second constraint device fixedly secured to the feed table and configured to receive and retain the first constraint device, such that the second constraint device is rotatable relative to the first constraint device.

2. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 1 wherein the first constraint device includes a pair of extended ears and the second constraint device includes a recessed groove sized to receive the pair of extended ears.

3. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 2 wherein the first constraint device is stationarily mounted to the positioner block and the second constraint device is stationarily mounted to the feed table.

4. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 2 wherein the second constraint device includes a pair of female constraint members mounted to the feed table, each female constraint member defining a portion of the recessed groove.

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5. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 4 wherein the pair of female constraint members are spaced from each other to define a pair of insertion gaps, wherein the recessed groove is discontinuous along the pair of insertion gaps.

6. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 5 wherein the length of each insertion gap is at least as long as the length of each of the extended ears formed on the first constraint device such that the extended ears can pass through the pair of insertion gaps.

7. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 5 further comprising a pair of retainer caps mountable to the pair of female constraint members, wherein each retainer cap is configured to extend across one of the insertion gaps between the female constraint members.

8. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 7 wherein each retainer cap includes a recessed groove such that when the retainer caps are mounted to the female constraint members, the recessed groove of the second constraint device is continuous.

9. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 2 wherein the first constraint device is a bushing received in the positioner block, the bushing having a central opening sized to receive the pivot pin of the feed table.

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10. (Currently Amended) The restraining arrangement of claim 9 wherein the bushing ~~member~~ includes an upper rim and a cylindrical body, the cylindrical body being sized to receive the pivot pin and the upper rim including the pair of extended ears.

11. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 10 wherein the bushing is formed from steel.

12. (Currently Amended) A restraining arrangement for limiting the separation of a feed table having a pivot pin mounted thereto and a positioner block of a track drill, the arrangement comprising:

a male constraint member secured to the positioner block, the male constraint member including a pair of extended ears; and

a pair of female constraint members fixedly mounted to the feed table, each female constraint member including a recessed groove sized to receive the extended ears formed on the male constraint member such that the female constraint member is rotatable relative to the male constraint member,

wherein the interaction between the pair of female constraint members and the male constraint member prevents movement of the feed table away from the positioner block.

13. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 12 wherein the pair of female restraint members are spaced from each other to define a pair of insertion gaps.

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14. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 13 wherein each of the insertion gaps have a length at least as great as the length of the extended ears formed on the male constraint member such that the male constraint member can be inserted into the female constraint members.

15. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 14 wherein the recessed groove formed by the pair of female constraint members is circular and the insertion gaps are diametrically opposite each other.

16. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 14 further comprising a pair of retainer caps each mountable between the pair of female constraint members such that each of the retainer caps extend across one of the insertion gaps.

17. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 16 wherein each of the retainer caps includes a recessed groove such that when the retainer caps are mounted to the female constraint members, the recessed groove is continuous.

18. (Original) The restraining arrangement of claim 12 wherein the male constraint member is a bushing received within the positioner block, the bushing having an upper rim and a cylindrical body, the cylindrical body being sized to receive the pivot pin and the upper rim including the pair of extended ears.

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19. (Currently Amended) A method of limiting the separation of a feed table having a pivot pin and a positioner block of a track drill, the method comprising the steps of:

mounting a male constraint member to the positioner block of the track drill, the male constraint member including at least a pair of extended ears;

fixedly mounting a pair of female constraint members to the feed table, each female constraint member including a recessed groove;

inserting the male constraint member into the female constraint member such that the extended ears of the male constraint member are received within the recessed grooves of the female constraint members, such that said female constraint member is rotatable relative to said male constraint member; and

preventing the separation of the male constraint member from the female constraint member.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the pair of female constraint members are separated from each other by an insertion gap, wherein each insertion gap has a length at least as great as the length of the pair of ears formed on the male constraint member such that the ears of the male constraint member can pass through the insertion gap.

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21. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of attaching a pair of retainer caps to the pair of female constraint members after the male constraint member is received within the pair of female constraint members, wherein the retainer caps prevent separation of the male constraint member from the female constraint members.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein each of the retainer caps includes a recessed groove sized to receive the extended ears formed on the male constraint member.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the male constraint member is a bushing having an upper rim and a cylindrical body, the cylindrical body being sized to receive the pivot pin and the upper rim including the pair of extended ears.

24. (Previously presented) The restraining arrangement of claim 1, wherein said second constraint device circumscribes at least a portion of said pivot pin.

25. (Previously presented) The restraining arrangement of claim 1, wherein the second constraint device is coaxially rotatable relative to the first constraint device.

26. (Previously presented) The restraining arrangement of claim 12, wherein the female constraint members are coaxially rotatable relative to the male constraint members.

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27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said step of inserting the male constraint member into the female constraint member further comprises inserting the male constraint member into the female constraint member such that said female constraint member is coaxially rotatable relative to said male constraint member.

28. (New) A restraining arrangement for limiting the separation of a feed table having a pivot pin mounted thereto and a positioner block of a track drill, the arrangement comprising:

a male constraint member cooperating with a female constraint member to interconnect said feed table and positioner block, one of said constraint members being secured to the feed table and the other of which being secured to the positioner block, said male constraint member extending along an axis and defining a plane of rotation for said female constraint member, said plane of rotation being positively angled with respect to said axis, such that said male member and said female member are constrained against separation in a direction transverse to the plane of rotation.

29. (New) The restraining arrangement of claim 28, wherein said plane of rotation being positively angled comprises said plane of rotation being generally transverse with respect to said axis.

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30. (New) The restraining arrangement of claim 28 wherein
said plane of rotation being positively angled comprises said plane of rotation being
generally at an acute angle with respect to said axis.